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ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE
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Funds for Air Pollution
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has allocated funds for checking and monitoring air pollution in metropolitan cities across the country;
(b) if so, the details of the funds allocated and utilized so far during the last three years and the current year, Schemewise;
(c) whether the Government is considering the American proposal for monitoring air quality across the country;
(d) if so, the details thereof;
(e) whether the Government has any proposal for public private partnership in regard to transport and industry pollution management schemes; and
(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

(SHRI ANIL MADHAV DAVE)

(a) Yes, Sir.
(b) Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) is monitoring the ambient air quality in the country including metropolitan cities in association with State Pollution Control Boards (SPCBs) / Pollution Control Committee (PCCs) of UTs, National Environmental Engineering Research Institute (NEERI) under the scheme "National Air Quality Monitoring Programme" (NAMP). The total funds allocated and utilized for checking and monitoring air pollution during each of the last three years and the current year, scheme wise is annexed.
(c) & (d) A proposal of Environment Protection Agency, United States of America regarding monitoring of air quality in the country in collaboration with CPCB is at conceptual stage.
(e) & (f) CPCB has embarked upon to set up Continuous Ambient Air Quality Monitoring System (CAAQMS) in 46 million plus cities under Corporate Social Responsibilities Programme of Central Public Sector Undertakings. The CPCB is setting up 62 air monitoring systems in the first phase.